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July 6, 2007 — Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

The Disproportionate Minority Contact-Confinement Sub-Committee met and was introduced the success findings from the newly reconstructed risk assessment tool used in the Juvenile Detention Center's intake process. It was with great pride and pleasure that the Coordinator announce that a significant reduction in detainees had taken place when 2006 data was compared to 2007 data. Action Steps to create and establish a working plan to implement principles congruent with necessary outcomes and outputs to show a reduction in disproportionality at the point of contact, confinement, or prior to both of those starting with law enforcement is yet to be determined.

July 10, 2007— Indiana Juvenile Detention Association

Talks to restructure the design of the Association have been occurring due to funding cuts for programmatic and training purposes. It has been confirmed that the NJSTI Conference will not be held in Indiana next year. When applying for future Title II grants it will be written within the application for an extension request due to avoid any backlash in the end. The Association would like to achieve greater sustainability and has opened a CD to deposit portions of funds generated through registration, annual dues, and other means of fundraising to ensure future prosperity.

July 12, 2007— Data Presentation by IU CEEP

A Quantitative Analyses using data entered into the QUEST system for seven counties (representing 80% of the youth population in Indiana) provides a captured picture depicting the extent of disproportionate minority contact in Indiana. Results shared by IU CEEP indicated that Black youths have a greater presence at the point of arrest when compared to their White counterparts which then leads to disproportionate contact at several other points. The analysis was funded through a Title II grant application awarded by CJI.

July 13, 2007 — Meeting with Judge Gaither

Members of the Indiana Disproportionality Committee met with Judge Gaither to provide disproportional findings and strategies currently being implemented to best address inequitable treatment across system services. Judge Gaither will present with members of IDC at the Juvenile Judges Symposium at the end of this month.

July 17, 2007—Indiana Disproportionality Committee, Research Sub-Committee

Committee members continue to work on identifying data fields collected by each system to compare and contrast how different or similar data is collected and analyzed. Differences in data collection has complicated the sub-committee's charge as there is no consistency in data reporting. The research sub-committee is working towards submitting a recommendation to the Commission which simply provides each person a number identifier so tracking of activities in various systems can be completed. A model has been implemented in a state on the East Coast and further research to learn how they were able to make change will be the sub-committee's next steps.

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